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The Army's EO Program and Policies



Lesson 18: Asian American Experience

Overview

- Define Asian-American Origins
- Origins and Historical Perspective
- Contemporary Issues
- Social Structure
- Values and backgrounds affecting
- Military contributions



Definition

DoD Directive 1350.2, an Asian or Pacific Islander is a person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian subcontinent, or the Pacific Islands.



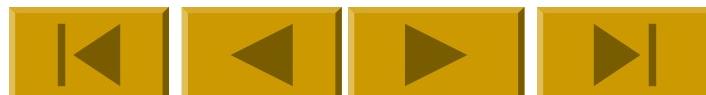
Origins of the Asian-American

- Chinese (1840s - 1882)
- Japanese (1860 - 1907)
- Filipino (1899 - 1934)
- Korean (1901 - 1907)



Legislations Affecting Asian-American

- Foreign Miner's Act
 - 1852 California passed this legislation to tax all foreigners in mining
- Naturalization Act
 - Passed in 1870, this Act forbade the entry of spouses into the U.S.
- Chinese Exclusion Act
 - Passed in 1882, This legislation precluded Chinese immigration



Legislations Affecting Asian-American

- Gentlemen's Agreement
 - Japanese agreed to voluntarily restrict immigration
- Cable Act
 - This stated that if you're an American female and marry a foreign male, you lose citizenship
- Alien Land Act
 - Prevented aliens from owning land in California



Legislations Affecting Asian-American

- Exclusionary Immigration Act
 - This excluded all Asian and put quotas on British, Germans, and others
- Tiddings-McDuffie Act
 - Granted Common Wealth status to the Philippines giving them independence, therefore making them subject to quotas.
- Walter-McCarren Act
 - In 1952 Asians could apply for naturalization



World War II

- Executive Order 9066
 - Basically stated that all person of Japanese ancestry living in certain parts of the country were to be interned
- Repeal Chinese Exclusion Act
 - The Chinese were our allies so a quota system was set up allowing 100 immigrant a year.



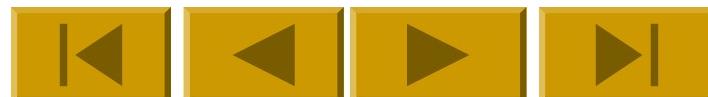
Stereotypes

- Myths
- Facts
- Reality



Chinese Social Culture

- Individual
- Family (Clan)
- Respect for Age
- Strong Male Tradition
- Filial Piety



Japanese Social Culture

- Patriarchal
- Filial Piety
- Male Oriented
- Family Above Individual
- Concept of “House”



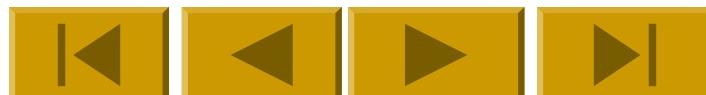
Korean Social Culture

- Social Class Stratification
- Filial Piety
- Male Dominance
- Concept of “CHIP”
- Strong respect for elders and education



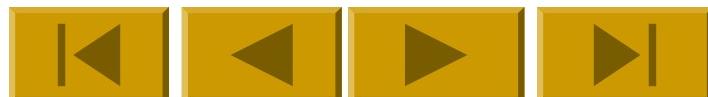
Filipino Social Culture

- Affected by outside influences
- Less formal family relationships
- Extended family
- Male-Female relationships exist



Chinese Language

- Oldest and most widespread on Earth
 - gesture and tone important
- Spoken language is mono-symbolic
- Over 1000 dialects
- One written language
- Ideographs for words



Japanese Language

- Written language borrowed from China
- Poly-symbolic and mutually intelligible
- Express ideas versus words
- Written language
 - Kanji, Hiragana, Katakana



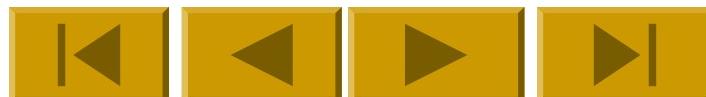
Korean Language

- Written with Chinese characters
- Grammar similar to Japanese
- Different levels of speech
- Dialects mutually intelligible



Filipino Language

- 300 different languages
- Tagalog is the national language
- No sounds for F, V, W, Z
- Different dialects



Chinese Religion

- Non-Christian
- Confucianism
- Taoism
- Buddhism
- Chinese Christianity



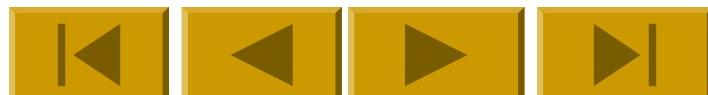
Japanese Religion

- Buddhism
- Shinto
- Japanese Christianity



Korean Religion

- Taoism
- Buddhism
- Confucianism
- Korean Christianity
- Ch'ondo-Gyo



Filipino Religion

- Catholicism
- Islamic



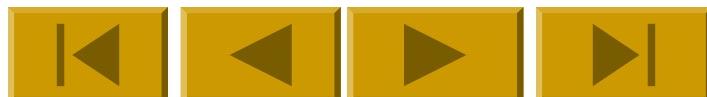
Other Considerations

- Chinese Concept of “Face” and visibility
- Japanese generations change
- Korean concept of “Kibun”
- Filipino loyalty



Values and Attitudes Affecting Asian-Americans

- Education
- Economic Issues
- U.S. Military



Current Problems and Issues

- Family
- Overcoming Stereotypes
- Backlash due to “New Immigrants”



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